

POWER LINE REMINDER

ACCIDENTAL CONTACT WITH OVERHEAD POWER LINES IS STILL A PROBLEM IN SOUTHWEST ASIA (SWA).

THAT'S MAINLY BECAUSE NEW POWER LINES ARE CONTINUALLY GOING UP AS THE REGION'S INFRASTRUCTURE IS REBUILT.

BUT MRAP USERS CAN *REDUCE* POWER LINE RISK BY TAKING THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS TO PROTECT BOTH CREW AND PASSENGERS...

- Units must ride with the antenna whip in the down position when driving the MRAP.
- Do not touch the power lines! Most lines are not insulated.
- Scan for low-hanging lines in the area. Be aware of the hazards they might present.
- Make sure there's enough clearance between the MRAP—including any antennas—and any power lines. The driver and passengers need to work as a team and keep an eye out for suspect lines.
- Avoid making radio transmissions while crossing under power lines. An electric charge from the power lines can pass to the vehicle without direct contact.

KNOW YOUR MRAP VEHICLE'S HEIGHT LIMITATIONS.

MAKE SURE THERE'S SAFE CLEARANCE FROM OVERHEAD POWER LINES.

THE POWER LINE CLEARANCE CAN BE 10, 15, OR 20 FEET, DEPENDING UPON THE VOLTAGE ON THE LINE.